

AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY

734 Jackson Place, NW

From 1911 to 1948, this Italianate town house facing Lafayette Square was headquarters of the nation's oldest organization dedicated solely to promoting international peace. The Society was founded in 1828 by William Ladd, who sought to foster popular sentiment against war and attempted to persuade legislatures and individual leaders to organize an international court of arbitration as a logical alternative to war.